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In re Application of:

DREWES et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001 ("Paper No. 18"), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 9 with the following amended claim. A marked-up version of this claim amendment is attached hereto as Appendix A.

9. (Amended) The device of any of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, wherein said device further comprises a liquid absorbent material surrounding said optically functional layer or beneath said support.

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